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SUBJECT: SALES OF RESIDUAL RIGHTS TO MAP MATERIAL

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1. MAAG CHIEF HAS DISCUSSED POSSIBLE SALE OF RESIDUAL RIGHTS WITH SENIOR OFFICIAL OF DANISH DEFENSE STAFF. DANE INDICATED HE BELIEVED HIS GOVT WOULD HAVE NO INTEREST IN SUCH PROPOSAL IN NEAR TERM FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

A. BECAUSE OF SEVERE BUDGET TIGHTNESS, WHICH WILL APPLY FOR NEXT FOUR YEARS AT LEAST, FUNDS ARE SIMPLY NOT AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE OF RESIDUAL RIGHTS IN FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

B. REQUIREMENT FOR DANES TO ACCOUNT TO U. S. FOR MAP PROPERTY IN USE IS NOT SUFFICIENTLY BURDENSOME TO MOTIVATE EXPENDING SIGNIFICANT FUNDS TO ELIMINATE NEED FOR REPORTING.

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C. OPPORTUNITY FOR DANES TO RESELL FORMER MAP PROPERTY IS NOT PARTICULARLY ATTRACTIVE BECAUSE OF LIMITATIONS IMPOSED BY INTERNAL POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS, WHICH WOULD TEND TO DENY ARMS SALES TO THIRD COUNTRIES MOST LIKELY TO BUY. DENMARK, HE ADMITTED, HAS BEEN QUOTE HAPPY TO LET U. S. DISPOSE OF THIS EXCESS MAP MATERIEL.

2. EMBASSY AND MAAG ARE INCLINED TO ACCEPT ABOVE VIEWS AS SOUND. EVEN IF DANES COULD BE BROUGHT TO AGREE TO BUY RESIDUAL RIGHTS, REQUIRED EXPENDITURES WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY BE CHARGED AGAINST ON- GOING MILITARY MATERIEL PROCUREMENT AND MODERNIZATION PROGRAMS. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THIS WOULD BE IN U. S. INTEREST AT THIS TIME. WE THEREFORE RECOMMEND AGAINST APPROACHING DENMARK WITH SUCH A PROPOSAL IN THE NEAR TERM, UNLESS OF COURSE, THERE IS SOME OVERRIDING ADVANTAGE TO THE U. S. WHICH IS NOT APPARENT TO US.
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